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Advisory Council on Mental Hygiene/Planning Council

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MARYLAND ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MENTAL HYGIENE/ PL 102-321 PLANNING COUNCIL

Minutes

April 16, 2013

Maryland Advisory Council Members: Gerald Beemer, Mike Finkle, Joshana Goga, Dennis McDowell, Joanne Meekins, Robert M. Pender, Charles Reifsnider, Anita Solomon

Maryland Advisory Council Members Absent: Richard Blair, Jaimi L. Brown, Sarah Burns, Chair, M. Sue Diehl, Vice Chair, Michele Forzley, Livia Pazourek, Edwin C. Oliver, John Scharf, John Turner, Sherrie Wilcox

Individuals highlighted as such are resigned members who have not yet been replaced.

PL 102-321 Council Members Present: Naomi Booker, Eugenia W. Conolly, Herb Cromwell, Kate Farinholt, R. Terence Farrell, Victor Henderson, Adrienne Hollimon, Julie Jerscheid, George Lipman, Cathy Marshall, Dan Martin, Cynthia Petion, Linda Raines, Sarah Rhine, Kathleen Ward, Phoenix Woody

PL 102-321 Council Members Absent: Lynn Albizo, Carol Allenza, Coordinator; Robert Anderson, T.E. Arthur, Coordinator; Tracee Bryant, Chicquita Crawford, Vira Froehlinger, A. Scott Gibson, Gerri Gray, Alice Harris, Michael Lang, Sharon Lipford, William Manahan, Jacqueline Powell, Sheryl Sparer, Michelle Stewart, Jane Walker

MHA Staff Present: Brian Hepburn, Robin Poponne, Tom Merrick, Greta Carter

Guests and Others: Karl Steinkraus, ValueOptions@Maryland; Mary Mastrandrea, ValueOptions@Maryland; Jacquelyn Pettis, ValueOptions@Maryland; Stacy Rudin, University of Maryland-Systems Evaluation Center; Diana Seybolt, University of Maryland-Systems Evaluation Center; Tim Santoni, University of Maryland-Systems Evaluation Center; Eileen Hansen, University of Maryland-Mental Health Services Training Center; Wendy Baysmore, University of Maryland-Mental Health Services Training Center; Derrick L. Richardson, NAMI-MD; Joe Piontkowski, Mental Health Consumer; Sharon Ohlhaber, Office of Quality Management, Mental Hygiene Administration

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INTRODUCTIONS/ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

The meeting was called to order by MHA's Council Representative, Cynthia Petion. Attendees introduced themselves. The draft minutes of the March 19, 2013 meeting were approved as written. The minutes are posted on the Mental Hygiene Administration's (MHA) Web site www.dhmh.maryland.gov/mha. The Maryland Advisory Council on Mental Hygiene's link is listed under "Resources".

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mike Finkle announced that On Our Own of Maryland's (OOOMD) Annual Conference, "Back to the Future: The Time is Now", will take place on June 6-7, 2013 at the Holiday Inn Conference Center on Solomon's Island. Dan Fisher, Executive Director of the National Empowerment Center in Boston, will deliver the keynote speech. For further information, contact OOOMD at 410-646-0262 or email: oomd@earthlink.net.

Kate Farinholt announced that the NAMI Walk will take place on May 18th, beginning at 11:00 at Rash Field, Baltimore Inner Harbor. There will be only one event in one location this year. However, food vendors will be onsite. For more information, contact NAMI at 410-884-8691 or register free of charge at WWW.namiwalks.org/maryland.

Mental Hygiene Administration's Annual Conference will take place on May 1, 2013 at Martin's West in Baltimore, Maryland. The theme is "Behavioral Health Integration and will include a plenary on the forces behind violence. For more information contact the Mental Health Services Training Center at <http://trainingcenter.umaryland.edu>.

THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

MHA's Executive Director, Brian Hepburn, M.D., provided the following Director's Report:

Dr. Hepburn thanked everyone for their advocacy and support during the session. He also commended Cynthia Petion and staff for their work and efforts throughout the year. Dr. Hepburn highlighted the following issues/events:

- Boston Marathon Bombing – this was a devastating incident. It will affect future public events and the impact will also be felt in Maryland. Emergency Preparedness efforts will be in the forefront to provide support.
- Budget Issues – A supplemental budget appropriation for Programs 1 and 2:
 - Program 01 – Program Direction – provides funds for a data system to track individuals under the custody of the Department who are forensically involved (\$350,000).
 - Program 02 – Community Services – provide funds to establish a Center for Excellence in Early Intervention for individuals with serious mental illness (\$1.2million); expand crisis response services (\$2 million), crisis intervention teams (\$1.5 million) and mental health first aid (\$300,000)

However, approximately \$7.2 million will be cut from Program 03 – Community Services for Medicaid Recipients –reduction in the appropriation for fiscal year 2013, to reflect cost savings primarily due to reduced inpatient hospital utilization,. This does not affect 2014 budget.

Dr. Hepburn reported that Maryland is one of six states to participate in the Center for Medicare and Medicaid's State Innovation Models Initiative (SIM). States were selected based on their efforts and readiness to transform its health care delivery system through multi-payer reform and other state led initiatives. The state of Maryland receives funding to engage in a planning process to develop the "Community-Integrated Medical Home" (CIMH) model. This model will integrate patient-centered medical care with community based resources while enhancing the capacity of local health entities to monitor and improve the health of individuals and their communities as a whole. The SIM Kickoff Summit was held on April 12, 2013. The Summit included presentations from DHMH Secretary Joshua Sharfstein, M.D., and Deputy Secretaries Laura Herrera, MD., Public Health; Chuck Milligan, J.D, Health Care Financing; and Gayle Jordan-Randolph, M.D., Behavioral Health and Disabilities. Additionally, the SIM initiative includes a stakeholder engagement process. Over the course of six-months, DHMH will lead a stakeholder engagement process to define key aspects of the model. Two stakeholder groups will be established: (1) payers and providers and (2) local health improvement coalitions. Membership to the two stakeholder groups is facilitated through an application process. The application deadline is April 22, 2013. Cynthia Petion will distribute information on the stakeholder criteria and website to access the application form. For more information on this process, please contact Russ Montgomery at russ.montgomery@maryland.gov or 410-767-3173.

Behavioral Health Integration – Next Steps/Phase 3

On April 22, from noon to 1pm, there will be a call-in meeting on the progress of the Behavioral Health Integration process and next steps. The call-in information will be sent to Council members prior to the meeting. The call will include a summary of the Behavioral Health Integration Letter to the Maryland General Assembly. Next steps will also include, as in the past, a collaborative process with stakeholders to develop; performance measures, shared savings models, network adequacy policies, quality standards, access to care standards, and a financing approach that complements emerging clinical models of integration.

Additionally, the Department will develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) to select an Administrative Services Organization (ASO) to administer the new carve-out, as well as design the related policy changes in the existing program for managed care organizations. The goal is to implement the new system in FY 2015.

THE 2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION – FINAL REPORT
LEGISLATIVE REVIEW – Updates from Community Behavioral Health Association (CBH), Mental Health Association of Maryland (MHAMD), NAMI MD, and Maryland Disability Law Center (MDLC)

The Legislative Session - CBH and MHAMD provided lists of updated actions on proposed legislation for the 2013 session related to mental health. (See Attachments #2 and 3.) Herb Cromwell and Dan Martin led discussions focused on the following bills:

- Health Care Reform Implementation- last steps toward full implementation – passed with some of the advocated continuity of care provisions *
- The Governor’s gun control bill – concerns for requirements that persons with mental disorders be reported to a national data base, also concerns that all emergency petitions treated as implying equal risks – Passed with balanced reporting requirements*
- Establishment of a commission to consider mental health related ways to limit mass violence by individuals with antisocial personality, depressive, or other mental health disorders – withdrawn*
- Creates a task force on the delivery of services to individuals with mental illnesses – concerns that it adds the term “gravely disabled” to the standard for involuntary commitment and emergency petition evaluation – did not pass*
- Addition of a fee to every gun permit that would go into fund for mental health services – did not pass*
- Expungement of criminal records for individuals not criminally responsible – Passed identifying specific offenses*
- Health insurance – federal and state mental health and addiction parity laws, Utilization review criteria and standards - compliance and distribution of information and rights – two of the three parity laws (right to notification and compliance with federal parity laws requirement – Passed*
- Establishment of an Overdose Response Program in specified areas – Passed*
- Due process Hearings for Children with Disabilities – State agency would have the burden of proof in disputes over special education services – withdrawn*
- Safety net act to expand crisis services, school-based mental health programs and essential community supports and services to offset historic underfunding – Still on the table – Did not pass due to high fiscal note*
- Allowance of reimbursement to providers for telemental health services delivered to Medicaid recipients – Passed*
- Prevention of housing discrimination based on source of income – heavily debated but did not pass*

For further details, please visit CBH’s Web site, www.mdcbh.org . Additional listings and information are available through the Mental Health Association of Maryland’s Web site, <http://www.mhamd.com> and through NAMI’s Web site, www.NAMI.org (click on advocacy and bills).

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Cynthia Petion reported that SAMHSA's Center for Mental Health Services awarded a technical assistance grant funding planning councils in eight states, of which Maryland was one, to join a National Learning Community. The goal is to help planning councils transition to a Behavioral Health Planning Council through intensive technical assistance (TA). The application was submitted on February 14, 2013 on behalf of the Behavioral Health Council Workgroup. The process began with a Web cast meeting among all state recipients on April 11, 2013, to give an overview of the tasks ahead (please see Attachment #1). Joint Council Chair and Vice Chair participated. Maryland is unique and has much to share with other states. One activity of the grant is to develop a Best Practices Manual based on the successes of the states in their various stages of creating a Behavioral Health Council.

MHA State Mental Health Plan - Cynthia Petion announced the Maryland's Stakeholders' Meeting to give input toward the development of the FY 2014 State Mental Health Plan will take place on April 26, 2013 from 9:30 to 2:30. It will be held at Temple Oheb Shalom in Baltimore City. Information and registration forms have been distributed and there are a limited number of spaces left. Joint Council members who are interested in attending were encouraged to see Ms. Petion after the meeting.

PRESENTATION –University of Maryland, School of Medicine - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT COLLABORATIVE –The Evidence-based Practice Center, the Systems Evaluation Center, and the Mental Health Services Training Center.

This collaborative began with a long standing training partnership between the University of Maryland and the Mental Hygiene Administration, known as the Training Collaborative, supported by state general and mental health block grant funds. In 2001 the partnership was expanded to include the Evidence-based Practice Center (EBPC) and the Systems Evaluation Center (SEC) to form the Mental Health Systems Improvement Collaborative. The name has recently been changed to Behavioral Health Systems to reflect the focus on Behavioral Health Integration.

Eileen Hansen, Director, EBPC gave an overview of the public mental health systems' evidence based practice (EBP) projects including:

- Supported employment
- Assertive Community Treatment
- Family Psychoeducation
- Co-Occurring Disorders
- Transition to Independence
- Person Centered Care Planning

Wendy Baysmore, Assistant Director, Mental Health Services Training Center discussed:

- Various annual conferences: MHA; Adult Services; Child & Adolescent; Cultural Competence; Forensic; Suicide Prevention
- Specific trainings: Motivational Interviewing; Person Centered Planning; Mental Health State Plan Stakeholders Meeting; SOAR trainings, etc.

Diana Seybolt, Director, SEC, along with Tim Santoni, Data Management Administrator, SEC discussed ways the SEC assists the Mental Hygiene Administration:

- Program Evaluation
- Research
- Data analysis
- Fulfillment of state and federal reporting requirements
- Outcomes Measurement System (OMS) data mart development and monitoring

Please see Attachment #4 for detailed overview.

The meeting was adjourned.

The Executive Committee did not meet.

Please note, the Agenda for the June 18th Council meeting will be posted on the Advisory's Council's web page, under the resources section, on MHA's Web site www.dhmfh.maryland.gov/mha.